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1. On 18 January 1951, the Chongno District People's Committee of Seoul set up its basic propaganda policies, emphasizing the three stages of the Korean war as seen by the North Korean government. The first stage was the liberation of 90 percent of Korea by the people's forces; the second stage was strategic withdrawal, and the third stage was the preparation for the counter-offensive.
2. In order to prepare the people for the fourth stage, the final victorious offensive, the following ideas were to be stressed by radio, posters and newspapers:
  - a. The Chinese Volunteer army is armed with unselfish ideas of internationalism in aiding the Koreans in their fight for liberation.
  - b. The United States imperialists and the traitor Syngman Rhee must be hated not only by the troops, but by the people in the rear areas.
  - c. People who had been misled and worked for the enemy in civilian capacities must be pardoned and allowed to return to their former posts to aid in rehabilitation.
  - d. The war is a war of liberation and the people must take pride in victory and in the North Korean soldier.
3. As part of this program, on 21 January at 8:00 p.m. a lecture was given in the Chongno District Public Hall. The following figures were revealed:

North Korean soldiers slaughtered by United States imperialists	43,590
North Korean innocent civilians shot by the imperialists	21,000
North Koreans otherwise killed	2,200
North Koreans who died in police stations	1,600

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Cases of torture by the imperialists 36,000

4. At this meeting the following figures were quoted as announcements by the United Nations:

North Korean factories destroyed	659
North Korean residences destroyed	118,350
Cultural organs destroyed	856
Hospitals destroyed	38
Bridges destroyed	18

Total value of all buildings destroyed 968,676.15 North Korean won (sic)

5. The lecturer explained that daily during the United Nations occupation of Seoul 80 prisoners from the West Gate Prison and 60 prisoners from Mapo Prison were executed. Prisoners were given two bowls of rice about the size of an egg each day and two bowls of water a week. There were 12,000 prisoners in the West Gate Prison, 4,000 in the Mapo Prison and 1,000 in the army prisons. All these prisoners were killed as they were being evacuated to Taejon. On 30 September 1950, 125 comrades of the Seoul Electric Company in bonds were paraded around the city. From 27 September to 25 October daily live persons were put into sacks and thrown into the Han River.
6. After pointing out more examples of the barbarism of United States soldiers, the lecturer explained why the North Korean army is confident of victory:
- The great ally Communist China can mobilize 100 million men and women.
  - Aid is being sent from the Soviet Union, Hungary and other peace-loving nations.
  - The British troops are withdrawing from the battlefield.
  - The United States will not use atomic bombs in Korea because they are too expensive, each costing US \$400,000,000, and because they are useless from a military viewpoint on the Korean terrain.

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